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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is Hail and Farewell! As your president, this is the last message I will be sending your way, however, as your fellow "Hibiscuser" I will be there just the same for it is deeply rewarding to grow lovely blooms, and it is even more pleasant to become acquainted with the membership of the American Hibiscus Society. The friendships formed within this group are a lasting legacy.

I anticipate that the growth of the society, onward and upward, will be a continued cycle, which will enrich the lives it touches with beauty, satisfaction and deep appreciation of the best in people as well as flowers. What a gay and flambouyant contribution to our summers we enjoy through the medium of Hibiscus. The ever widening circle of new blooms certainly gives the assurance that on this frontier there will never be monotony. It means that our shows will be filled with flowers that did not exist, just a few years ago; that we will have to be on hand at all of them to keep up with the parade of beauty coming our way.

There is no doubt, whatsoever, that Hibiscus will do their part in brightening up the corner where they are. What we people must do is also build solidly the foundation of friendship and good will that has been, and is such a predominant feature of the meetings, get-to-gethers, etc., of the American Hibiscus Society. Believe in your neighbors, they are wonderful, wonderful people if you will find them out. Knowing your neighbors is quite as exciting as viewing the beauty of Hibiscus. The very reason for our existence